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SUBJ: ENGLISH TEACHING PROJECT (TOEFL): GUINEA

REF: BETTY K. TASKA OFFICIAL-INFORMAL JUNE 1, 1977;
PAO'S CONVERSATIONS WITH BILL ROYER, OTHERS, DUR-
ING WASHINGTON CONSULTATIONS, JUNE 22, 1977

1. GOG HAS APPROVED POST'S TOEFL PROPOSAL FOR SELECTED
GUINEANS USING, AS START, SEIRRA LEONIAN CONTRACT
PROFESSOR. GOG SUGGESTS THAT FIRST BE
UNIVERSITY ENGLISH TEACHERS.

2. THIS IS LATEST SIGN OF IMPROVED POLITICAL CLIMATE
IN U.S. - GUINEAN RELATIONS. APPROVAL REPRESENTS
CULMINATION YEARS OF EFFORT TO INVOLVE UAMS. IN GUINEAN
ENGLISH TEACHING. IMPORTANCE OF GUINEAN DECISION IN
TERMS PROGRAM OPPORTUNITY CAN SCARCELY BE EXAGGERATED.

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PRIOR INITIATIVES SINCE DEPARTURE PEACE CORPS HAVE
ALWAYS BEEN REPULSED, APPARENTLY BECAUSE OF GOG FEAR
OF ALLOWING HETERODOX OR ALIEN INFLUENCES IN HIGHLY
SENSITIVE UNIVERSITY SPHERE.

2. RESPONSE PROMISES LIST OF STUDENTS WHEN EMBASSY AN-
NOUNCES IT IS READY TO START COURSE(S). PROMPT U.S.

REACTION HIGHLY DESIRABLE, BUT DEPENDENT UPON AGENCY RE-
ALLOCATING YEAR-END FUNDS FOR MATERIALS, AIR-SHIPMENT
OF BASIC BOOKS FOR START OF CLASSES, ASSISTANCE WITH
CONTRACT TEACHER PAYMENT, POST'S RESOURCES PRESENTLY
COMMITTED TO END FY 77. IF PROGRAM TO BE BASED ON FY 78
FUNDS NOT AVAILABLE UNTIL OCTOBER 1, UNLIKELY CLASSES
CAN START BEFORE DECEMBER, LONG AFTER START OF NEW UNI-
VERSITY SCHOLASTIC YEAR. IN VIEW UNIQUE GUINEAN SITU-
ATION AND PRECEDENT-SETTING BREAKTHROUGH, URGE CONSIDER-
ATION TO BE GIVEN TO ALLOCATION SUFFICIENT FUNDS TO GET PROGRAM
UNDERWAY ASAP, E.G. SEPTEMBER.

2. POST NEEDS IMMEDIATE COUNSEL ON TEXTS, OTHER BOOKS
NEEDED, ADDITIONAL CURRICULUM MATERIALS RECOMMENDED,
ESTIMATE OF COST, INCLUDING AIR SHIPMENT.

5. PLAN TO USE PHILIP SHERRY, SIERRE LEONE NATIVE WITH
EXPERIENCE UNDER AID CONTRACT TEACHING GUINEAN AGRI-
CULTURAL SCIENTISTS SELECTED FOR ADVANCED TRAINING IN U.S.,
AS TEACHER. SHERRY, IN FEW MONTHS, BROUGHT GROUP OF
SEVEN STUDENTS UP TO ACCEPTABLE CONVERSATIONAL LEVEL
PRIOR THEIR RECENT DEPARTURE. POST PROPOSES CONTRACT
SIMILAR TO AID ARRANGEMENT WITH SHERRY. (COST: \$481 A
MONTH).

6. POST PROPOSES TO USE MID-TOWN APARTMENT USED BY AID
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UNDER LEASE TO BE RENEGOTIATED START GY 78. (COST: \$200
A MONTH). ADVISE IF IOS APPROVAL NEEDED, NECESSARY
PROCEDURES IF ANSWER IS AFFIRMATIVE.

7. IN VIEW ENCOURAGING DEVELOPMENT, WOULD WELCOME TASKA
ALONG LINES OUTLINED JUNE LETTER. LESSON ORGAN-
IZATION, METHODOLOGY, TESTING PROCEDURES WOULD BE
IMMENSELY STRENGTHENED BY AGENCY ASSISTANCE OF THIS KIND.
GOG OBVIOUSLY INTENDS COURSE FOR INDIVIDUALS WITH EXPERI-
ENCE IN ENGLISH, UNIVERSITY REQUIREMENTS, ACCEPTABLE
POLITICAL ORIENTATION AS TRIAL BEFORE PROCEEDING WITH
GOG OFFICIALS AS PROPOSED IN POST'S OFFER. IF WE ARE
TO ACHIEVE ULTIMATE AIM OF BRINGING AMERICAN FULBRIGHTER
HERE TO IMPROVE NATIONAL ENGLISH, IMPERATIVE THIS
INITIAL EFFORT SUCCEED AND SUCCEED OUTSTANDINGLY.

8. ADVISE ASAP NATURE AGENCY SUPPORT.

9. CHARGE D'AFFAIRES CONCURS IN THIS MESSAGE.
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